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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Appl. No. 09/809,060; Filed: March 16, 2001
For: **A Method for Generating Immunogens that Elicit Neutralizing
Antibodies Against Fusion-Active Regions of HIV Envelope Proteins**
Inventors: Wild *et al.*
Our Ref: 1900.0260001/JMC/KKV

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Information Disclosure Statement (*in duplicate*);
2. Form PTO-1449 (12 sheets citing 49 documents);
3. 49 documents cited in Form PTO-1449 attached; and
4. One (1) return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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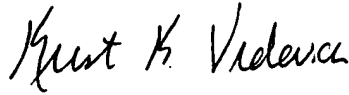
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The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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Information Disclosure Statement

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Sir:

Listed on accompanying Form PTO-1449 are documents that may be considered material to the examination of this application, in compliance with the duty of disclosure requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98. A copy of each document is provided.

The Examiner's attention is directed to co-pending U.S. Patent Application Nos.

09/480,336, filed January 7, 2000, and

09/779,451, filed February 9, 2001,

which are directed to related technical subject matter. The identification of these U.S. Patent Applications is not to be construed as a waiver of secrecy as to that application now or upon issuance of the present application as a patent. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the cited applications and the art cited therein during examination.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(A)(3), Applicants' undersigned representative submits the following concise explanation of the relevance of the non-English language document, Document No. AM2 cited on Form PTO-1449.

Document No. AM2, Patent No. WO 92/19742, is in the French language with an English language abstract. The relevance of Document No. AM2 can be ascertained by reference to the English language abstract appearing thereon.

Where the publication date of a listed document does not provide a month of publication, the year of publication of the listed document is sufficiently earlier than the effective U.S. filing date and any foreign priority date so that the month of publication is not in issue. Applicants have listed publication dates on the attached PTO-1449 based on information presently available to the undersigned. However, the listed publication dates should not be construed as an admission that the information was actually published on the date indicated.

Applicants reserve the right to establish the patentability of the claimed invention over any of the information provided herewith, and/or to prove that this information may not be prior art, and/or to prove that this information may not be enabling for the teachings purportedly offered.

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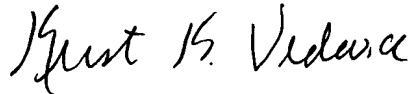
This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits. No statement or fee is required.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial and return a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449, and indicate in the official file wrapper of this patent application that the documents have been considered.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036. A duplicate copy of this pleading is enclosed.

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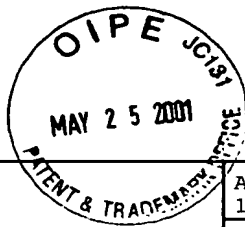
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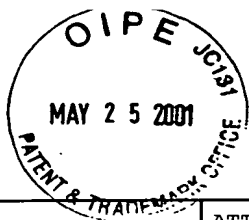
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